

PATENT APPLICATION

REMARKS

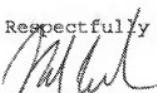
Claim 20 was identified as being allowed in the previous office action. All claims other than claim 20 have now been canceled for the purpose of accelerating prosecution and grant of a patent on claim 20. The applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims or other claims supported by the patent specification in one or more continuing applications.

As only an allowed claim remains in the case, all rejections made in the previous office action are hereby obviated.

Reconsideration and allowance of claim 20 at an early date is requested.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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